

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for the performance of a thorough search.

By this amendment, Claims 146, 147, 151, 169, 289, 290, and 292 have been amended. New Claims 293-319 have been added. Hence, Claims 134-319 are pending in the application.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes that, on the Office Action Summary cover page, the box that indicates that the drawings were objected to is checked. However, the drawings were not objected to in the Office Action. Therefore, it is assumed that this box was checked in error.

101 REJECTIONS

Claims 290 and 292 were objected to as being a substantial duplicate of Claim 134. Claims 290 and 292 have been carefully amended to ensure that they do not duplicate Claim 134, and that they do not duplicate each other. Specifically, the elements of 290 are now directed to a system that includes the means for performing specified actions, whereas 134 is a method comprising the actions themselves. Claim 292 now specifically recites graphical user interface elements themselves (a display, a table, controls, etc.) which are distinct from the actions that produce the graphical user interface elements (claim 134), and from the system that performs the actions to produce the graphical user interface elements (claim 290). Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 290 and 292, as amended, are no longer substantial duplicates of Claim 134 or of each other, and removal of the rejection is requested.

THE 112 REJECTIONS

Claims 146 and 147 were rejected as being indefinite because they indicated that “sorting” belonged to a set that did not include “sorting”. In response, Claims 146 and 147 has been amended to clarify that “sorting” does not belong to the specified set.

NEW CLAIMS

New Claims 293-319 depend on claims that have been held to be allowable, and therefore should also be allowable. No new matter is added by the new claims. The new claims are supported, among other places, by FIG. 3 and the corresponding description within the specification.

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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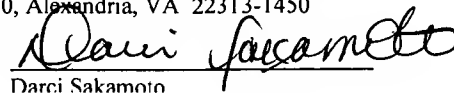
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